

Missouri Department of Corrections

Fact Sheet

Kansas City Community Release Center

The Kansas City Community Release Center (KCCRC) opened on May 11, 1978. Initially it housed men only. On November 14, 1982 the facility was expanded to include females.

KCCRC will confine 300 males and 50 females. The new facility located at 651 Mulberry Street replaced the 919 Oak Street location. The new facility is a two-story structure with 75,000 sq. feet of space. Funding for the KCCRC replacement was obtained from an August 1994 general obligation bond vote of the people. The construction and design costs for the new facility were \$10,273,691.86. There are 90 correctional professionals employed at KCCRC.

KCCRC is a work release program operated by the Division of Probation and Parole. Upon arrival, offenders are assigned to a two-week orientation. Following orientation, the offenders are required to obtain and maintain full time employment while at the facility.

Offenders are referred to outpatient substance abuse treatment services. Offenders work for various employers throughout the Kansas City area, but are not allowed to work where alcohol is the main source of revenue, in adult entertainment venues, or as a temporary employee through an employment agency. Employed offenders also pay federal, state, and local taxes through their payroll deductions from work. Offenders are required to reimburse the state for their room and board at KCCRC at a rate of \$10.00 per day. This fee can be waived for disabled offenders.

KCCRC is a transitional facility. The majority of offenders must work to remain at the facility and adhere to a schedule of verified activities. Failure to abide by these restrictions can result in a return to confinement.

Offenders from KCCRC have participated in a number of community service projects over the years. They have made donations to the City Union Mission, Ozanam Boys Home, Hope House, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and ReStart, Inc. The offenders also participate in community forums for area colleges.

KCCRC staff has contributed substantially to the community. Many staff have made significant contributions to the Special Olympics, have participated in Adopt a Family programs during the holiday season, and for the past several years commemorated Crime Victims week in the Kansas City area through different projects.